

Fig wax scale (*Ceroplastes rusci*)

- ❑ Intercepted in shipments from FL; native to the Mediterranean region.
- ❑ Hosts: polyphagous. Common hosts are: *Dyopsis*; *Ravenia rivularis*; *Phoenix roebelenii*; Fig; *Ficus*; Mango; Brazilian pepper; Cherimoya; Banana; *Citrus*; Mulberry; Bay laurel; Litchi; *Strelitzia*; *Pittosporum*.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult female 2-7 mm long, hemispherical, body reddish brown body with thick **pinkish-gray wax cover divided into distinct plates**, each plate with a darkened central area with a **white button-like wax filament**. Larva red with white conical wax filaments. Larva feeds on leaves, adults on twigs. Very similar to **Barnacle scale** from which it differs by the **wide lateral spiracular bands** (narrow in Barnacle scale).



wide spiracular bands

